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March down 16%, year down 15%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Combined U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air source heat pumps dropped 16 percent in March, compared to March 1990. Heat pump shipments alone are down 22 percent, according to ARI statistics.

U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during March:

- totalled 310,354,
- down 16% from March 1990,
- year-to-date total 817,164,
- down 15% from January-March 1990.

Heat pump shipments included in the March figures:

- totalled 51,424,
- down 22% from March 1990,
- year-to-date total 170,205,
- down 16% from January-March 1990.

March factory stocks:

- up 28,335 units from February,
- down 55,253 units from March 1990.

March distributor shipments:

- down 9% from March 1990,
- year-to-date shipments down 10%.

March distributor inventories:

- up 16,668 units from February,
- down 63,420 units from March 1990.

March U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- down 1% from March 1990,
- year-to-date up 15%.

March U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- down 4% from March 1990,
- year-to-date down 4%.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary.)

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CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE

UNITED STATES

SIZE BTUH (000)		NUMBER OF UNITS CONDENSER-TYPE AIR/EVAP COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1990	
Under 16.5		3,078	0	3,078	-23.8	
16.5-21.9		19,789	0	19,789	-32.7	
22 -26.9		60,956	0	60,956	-20.3	
27 -32.9		60,735	0	60,735	-14.5	
33 -38.9		72,311	47	72,358	-9.4	
39 -43.9		24,183	0	24,183	-15.4	
44 -53.9		28,364	0	28,364	-11.6	
54 -64.9		27,570	94	27,664	-12.9	
65 -96.9		5,223	77	5,300	-4.0	
97 -134.9		3,495	54	3,549	-8.1	
135 -184.9		2,209	41	2,250	+7.7	
185 -249.9		1,080	33	1,113	+4.9	
250 -319.9		301	10	311	-37.3	
320 -379.9		182	1	183	-35.1	
380 -539.9		202	9	211	-12.1	
540 -639.9		72	2	74	-30.8	
640 & Over		209	27	236	-36.0	
TOTAL		309,959	395	310,354	-15.5	